

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method that includes steps for determining an optimum splitting variable and dividing a programmable logic array (PLA) into a first sub-PLA and a second sub-PLA based on the splitting variable is presented. The  
5 method also provides for gating logic to be applied to the first sub-PLA and the second sub-PLA. Power consumption is then controlled in the first sub-PLA and the second sub-PLA so only one of the first sub-PLA and the second sub-PLA contributes to power consumption. In another embodiment, a PLA be recursively divided into a plurality of sub-PLAs.

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